

mained thus at a standstill until in 1872, A. J. and E. B. Dufur purchased the farm there and engaged in stock raising. They took up adjoining lands, imported a large number of thoroughbred sheep, and engaged in sheep raising on a large scale. Gradually the fertility of the high lands became known, and their range became more and more contracted. In 187— the business opportunity attracted the attention of a Michigan merchant, C. A. Williams, and he came to 15-Mile and built a house and engaged in general merchandising. Dufur Bros., being wide awake business men seeing the opportunity to build a town on their farm, had a small area laid out in lots and blocks, filed a plat of the town and Dufur took its place on the map of Oregon.

We will pass over the infantile stage of the new town, the school house was moved from Pine Hollow, the post-office and stage period came and went, and Dufur began to attract attention as a trading point; farmers having children of school age sent them to its school; some built houses within its limits, and soon the original town plat had to be enlarged. Then came such men as Dr. Vanderpool, deceased; D. E. Thomas, J. A. Gulliford, Wm. Heisler, Ed. Bohna, A. J. Brigham, W. R. Menefee, George Nedrow, Johnston Bros., T. H. and G. W., (who purchased the business interests of C. A. Williams) two young and enterprising business men, who came to do what they have done, built up a fortune for themselves, and assisted vastly in building a town around them.

In 1881 Ridgely lodge I. O. O. F. was organized, and a commodious two-story hall and lodge room erected. This was the first large building and was the pride of the community.

In 1884, the old school building that was so grand in '67, became too small to accommodate the pupils. Mr. Bohna having built a large hall with lodge rooms above, the I. O. O. F. lodge removed to new quarters, and their first building was sold to the district for a school house, with two rooms, 25x40, and the school question seemed settled for an indefinite period.



THE DUFUR SCHOOL HOUSE.

In 1888 Professor Aaron Frazier, whose reputation as an educator was second to none in the state, was engaged as principal of the Dufur school, the directors having confidence in his ability gave him full control, and the taxpayers backed him with funds when the state money was insufficient. Under his system the school was graded, and so successful was his management that pupils were attracted from all parts of Wasco, and adjoining counties; the large building that was thought large enough to accommodate the increase of pupils for many years, was in less than five years crowded beyond comfort. One great cause of the popularity of the school was that Dufur Bros. had placed in each deed a proviso that no intoxicating liquors should be sold on the land, thus patrons of the school knew that pupils attending would not be ruined by drunkenness; it gave the place a moral standing without which no school town can be a success.

During the greater part of the present decade, times have been very hard throughout the West, farmers getting but low prices for produce, but despite all this, Dufur has improved steadily, each season marked by new cottages and business houses.

In 1894 the town was incorporated by special act of legislation that it might be better governed.

In May 1896 The Dufur Dispatch, a weekly paper was established. The founding of a well conducted newspaper marks an era in the growth of a town, and the Dispatch in the hands of H. S. Turner, a newspaper man of many years' experience was no exception to the rule. Without any attempt to boom but by legitimate advertising of the natural resources of the surrounding country, Dufur has shown a more rapid growth than ever before. In the past year there has been an increase of over 50 per cent. in the population. Twenty substantial residences and business

houses have been erected and many old ones improved. A new and handsome school building, modern in style and convenience, has been built, with accommodations for 250 pupils, and Professor Frazier, spoken of above, in charge.

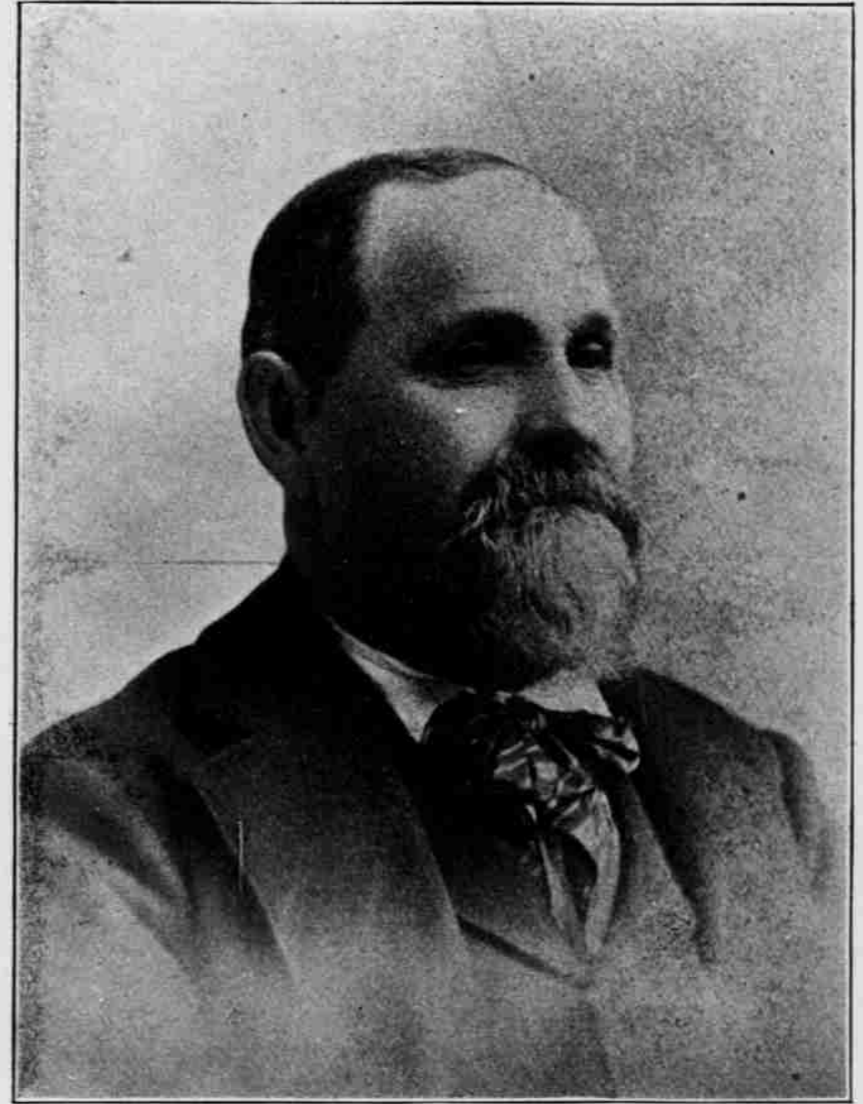
An excellent water system sufficient for a city of five times the size, has been provided, showing the confidence in its growth. A large cemented reservoir on a hill, some two hundred feet above the town, gives abundant pressure to the hydrants in nearly every residence, and with the large mains makes an ordinary conflagration easily controlled, thus making insurance rates reasonable.

Dufur has a population of about 500, and while her growth in the past has not been abnormal, it has been steady and healthy, and with ordinary enterprise on the part of her citizens and the prosperity of the immense agricultural interests tributary, Dufur in the next five years should become a handsome and thriving city of at least 2,500 inhabitants. This prophecy is not in the least chimerical, all the necessary elements for such a growth are present; the town is so situated that building material and fuel may be had for years to come at a low figure. A few miles above the town abundant water power can be had for the manufacture of electrical force with which to drive the machinery of every conceivable enterprise in the manufacturing line. The major portion of our land holders are alive to the fact that dear land is not conducive to the increase of immigration, and when a stranger comes among them to purchase residence of farm property he is not met with prohibitive prices, but is offered every possible inducement to encourage him to locate.

There are several large counties south of Wasco county, the traffic of which, by proper methods to secure it, may be made to center in Dufur. To secure this, county roads leading in her direction need only be improved, and a few new ones constructed. Capital will eventually be engaged to build a railroad from The Dalles to her borders, and capacious warehouses be constructed. Her present merchants, and others to come, will carry large and complete supplies, enabling the purchaser to provide himself with any

There is a house!" on seeing the one house that then constituted the city of The Dalles, for it was the first house we had seen since leaving Independence, Missouri, excepting the forts Laramie, Hall and Boise.

The Klinger family, consisting of father, mother and six children, were among the first to cross the Cascades on the Barlow road, which was completed that year, (1847) and en route cooked of their scant supply of rice (which with a smaller allowance of bread made up their sole provisions,) on the spot where Dufur now stands.



L. J. KLINGER, MAYOR OF DUFUR.

1847 was a hard year on the emigrants to Oregon. 7000 is the estimate of those who started; hundreds died on the road, and were buried between the wagon tracks that the savages might not find and dig up the bodies, and hundreds that reached Eastern Oregon were in a destitute and starving condition. For instance, one of the Klinger party traded a shirt for a salmon at Tygh Valley, and was so starved that he ate so much that it killed him.

To Dr. McLaughlin and his comrades at Oregon City, Mr. Klinger gives the honor of saving hundreds of lives by their kindness and generosity; meeting the starving emigrants with fresh cattle and provisions and helping them over the mountains.

The elder Klinger arrived at Oregon City with 25 cents in money, a wife and six children on his hands. Wheat was worth \$6.00 a bushel, but Dr. McLaughlin sold them grain, taking a note for payment, (as he did for hundreds of others,) and they settled at Mollala Prairie, 10 miles above Oregon City, on a well earned donation land claim, and here the subject of our sketch grew to manhood, and here in 1861, was married to Melissa J. Woodcock, daughter of W. D. Woodcock, a pioneer of 1844.

In 1863, 34 years ago, Mr. Klinger removed to Wasco county, settling on "8-Mile Creek," four miles from Dufur, and engaged in farming and stock raising with an occasional job of teaming to Boise. The teaming, as well as the farming in those days was mostly done along the creek bottoms, and Mr. K. claims that on one trip to Boise he crossed the same creek 119 times—on a toll road at that.

Mr. Klinger, in company with John R. Doyle and John McHaley, brought the first separator to Wasco county. It was a "Sweepstakes" and swept the chaff from wheat for 10 cents per bushel, oats and barley 8 cents.

By purchasing calves cheap in the Willamette Valley and moving them to the bunchgrass hills of Wasco, by selling the products of his farm, and by mowing the wild grass on the hills near Dufur and hauling it to The Dalles, where it sold readily for \$20.00 a ton, Mr. Klinger gathered together his first thousand dollars, which with good judgment he invested and added to until in 1889 he concluded he had sufficient to keep himself and wife at ease for the remainder of their lives, sold his farm, and removed to Dufur.

During the early days, when game was plentiful, Mr. Klinger became an expert rifleman, and is, though 60 years of age, known as the most expert and enthusiastic sportsman with the rod and gun in Wasco county. His summers are spent far away in the mountains where the brook trout lurks in the streams and where the wild deer yet abounds.

Mr. Klinger is known throughout Oregon as an honorable upright citizen, generous to all, and with his estimable wife is noted in his community as the first to find out and relieve sickness and distress. He has steadily refused proffered political honors and would only accept the mayoralty on condition that it would not interfere with his summer camping trips, compared to which political honors were as naught.

#### A HOME INSTITUTION.

All cities take pride in heralding the merits of their home institutions, and in the same manner it is a pleasure for us to speak highly of one of ours, particularly as it has done so much towards alleviating the sufferings of mankind.

In 1883 Dr. L. Vanderpool settled here, and in a short time was known as a successful physician. He had previously attracted attention as a specialist in cancer troubles, and his time was largely taken up treating sufferers of that disease. This led him to place some general remedies in the local stores to accommodate those whom he could not visit. In the course of time he found out that he could not manufacture enough of these remedies to supply the ever increasing demand so he suggested to one of the merchants, Mr. A. J. Brigham, the advisability of manufacturing them on a larger scale, and that suggestion led to the organization and incorporation of this beneficial institution. From that time to the present their business has grown steadily without regard to times or conditions, until today it is as well established, as is the world renowned Mt. Hood near the base of which our beautiful little villa lies. Their product is in every well established store on the Coast, and has received commendations from thousands of homes. Although Dr. Vanderpool, whose formulas are used is gone, the name of his son, W. L. Vanderpool, coupled with that of Geo. W. Johnston and A. J. Brigham, the present stockholders of the S. B. Medicine Manufacturing Co., is a safe guarantee to the public that the work begun during the late doctor's life, will be continued with care and success.

#### FIFTY YEARS IN OREGON.

Hon. Louis J. Klinger, present Mayor of Dufur, was born in Warren county, Missouri, in 1837, and came to Oregon when only ten years of age.

Although half a century has passed, says Mr. Klinger, I well remember our joy and how we cried "There's a house!"